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Canadians Fighting From House to House to Oust Germans From Ortona

Other Eighth Army Units Drive On
In Snow and Rain to Take Vezzani

A LGIERS, Dec. 24 (AP)—Canadas First Division infantry, men fighting a slow-to-house battle with bayonets on snow-covered rooftops, forced the Germans out of the small northern corner of Ortona yesterday.

The Nazi troops left behind the retreating main German force to make the assault, and the First Parachute Division, which was at the front, had no time of action.

The Canadians were in a busy and dangerous fight, having to blast out the Germans almost indiscriminately.

In addition, the Allied soldiers spent much time digging out mines.

WANT TO FIGHT

LAKE TROOPS IN

The Germans surrendered this desperate stand to permit them to escape to the south. It was expected they would withdraw to the hills around Villa Giustiniani, the "stronghold" of the town.

Troops of the Fifth Army, fighting in snow captured high ground a number of times, but were pushed back off another, and had to make a mile southeast of the town.

On the air front, paratroopers accompanied by American B-17s pressed a surprise attack on the Nazi-held port of Taranto, Italy, and sank 10 ships.

British Army troops have taken up tanks and bridges at Imperia, Italian port 20 miles east of the French border, and the Italian town of Genoa, and are moving toward the French port of Antibes, near the resort town of Cherasco.

Canada Proud Of Troops in Mediterranean

Special Message to Be Broadcast Today

OTTAWA, Dec. 24 (CP)—Prime Minister Mackenzie King, Minister Power today reprimanded the troops of the Canadian Expeditionary Force for being boastful tomorrow to Canadians of operations, particularly the theatre of operations, in securing Canada's pride in their achievements.

"At Christmas, you have this opportunity to show your pride in the Canadian Expeditionary Force, to bring to the world's attention the valour and the skill of our Canadian troops.

"There could be no finer fitting time for the Canadian Expeditionary Forces to show which of us have raised the banner of Agincourt," he continued on Page 4.

Goliath Still Hopes

LONDON, Dec. 24 (CP)—Premier Minister Kitchener, in a Christmas Eve speech to the Germans, has given new hope for a victorious future to the Nazi forces still in the west was welcomed.

The Nazi leader, however, as saying "we must today wish right to. Many of us have no longer faith in the war."

"The rest of their belongings has made the Nazi leaders' last stand futile to fail. The enemy is not aware of the great strength of the German people."

On this his fighting he will have to depend on his armoured forces.

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Of all the Joys that Brighten suffering Earth
What Joy is welcomed like the Happy Child.

Soviet Baltic Army Sweeps Up 60 Towns in Drive on Vitebsk

Red Troops Turn Tide of Battle Against Nazi Armor

ONOND, Dec. 24 (AP)—Russia's Baltic Army driving on Vitebsk stormed and captured the heavily-fortified lake north of the great German-held city of 60 miles northwest of Moscow and hamlets in its advance today, Moscow announced tonight.

A Russian spokesman said the drive had been "united in determination" by the Red Army and the Soviet People's Commissar of Defense.

General Zhukov and a third Premier Molotov were "united in determination" to "win the war and to defend our motherland," he said.

General Zhukov said the Nazi forces had been "defeated at every step" and "the tide of battle has turned in our favor."

The German victory in the Baltic region, he said, "will not be repeated."

The Red Army on 42nd anniversary of October Revolution, 1917, was described by William Wilson, commanding officer of the 10th Guards, as "a happy victory."

The German victory in the Baltic region, he said, "will not be repeated."

The German radio reported that the fight for Vitebsk had been "decidedly won" by the Red Army.

The German radio also said that not only from the north were the Red Army troops coming but also from the west and south to attack from the rear and northeast. Here the Russians had "broken through the German lines."

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Social and Personal

The Social Department
Telephone 2-8111

Miss Jane Clegg is visiting Mr. and Mrs. N. W. White, George Street. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Lillian Drury, The Upshaws.

Miss Kathleen Nestell, Vancouver, is spending the holidays at her home.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Vernon Armstrong are expected to return to Victoria to spend Christmas.

Miss Della Coyle is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Coyle, 218 Main Street, for the holidays.

Captain and Mrs. John Ahe and their son, Michael, have been here since November 10, visiting his mother, Mrs. Ahe, at her home, 1008 Esquimalt Road.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Morrison, Islington Place, are spending Christmas vacation at their home in Port Alberni.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Smith and their daughter, Jeanne, are in town from Saanich, spending the holidays in the city visiting their son.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll, Vancouver, with their children, are here. They arrived in the city yesterday to join their son, Mr. Carroll, who is here for the holidays.

Mrs. A. Sandy, Padron Avenue, is here to spend Christmas with her son, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. N.Y.R. and Mrs. Sandy, in Victoria.

Mrs. Lauri Milne, Ganges, is here to spend the holidays.

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The Bells of Britain

Once only, during the four long years of this war, have the Bells of Britain sounded over the countryside—once—not to warn the people of invasion, but to celebrate the success of the “British 8th”—the Glorious and Triumphant 8th Army—who, after months of enduring heroism, turned the tide of war at El Alamein into the beginnings of ultimate Victory! The Bells of Britain! For centuries the symbols of Christianity, of Peace, of Worship . . . the joyous Bells of Christmas that herald the Birth of the Babe—the Prince of Peace—the glad-some Bells of Easter, proclaiming the Resurrection and the Salvation of Mankind! The Bells of Britain!

Yes! The Bells of Britain will surely ring again—to echo in the hills of Norway—over the plains of Russia, the valleys of China, out across the seas to the continents beyond, proclaiming triumphantly, gladly, thankfully, the “Glad tidings of great joy” . . .

*Glory to God in the Highest and
on Earth Peace, Goodwill Toward Men*

Wishing You the Compliments
of the Season

**DAVID SPENCER
LIMITED**

Dairymen Hold Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting of the South Island Independent Dairymen's Association, held at the office of P. Hall, Broad Street, President Fred Doherty presided over a session which was very successful, both financially and otherwise.

For the year the association had been represented on the local dairy committee by Messrs. G. W. Williams, President, and on the legal advocacy board of the Service and U.I. Commission by C. H. Hall, Vice-President. Of the 25 members attended, scores of persons had been invited and placed in either temporary or permanent positions while many farmers' sons had attended for essential dairy farm work.

The meeting was opened in the Kitchens Milk for Britain drive and the meeting was very successful and satisfactory. Mr. Pirks, who had driven from Victoria, for 22 years, attended, scores of persons had been invited and placed in either temporary or permanent positions while many farmers' sons had attended for essential dairy farm work.

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He is a grandson of Major and Mrs. W. Taylor, also of 2220 Oak Bay Avenue.

Veteran B.C.E.R. Employee Dies

Burnett car conductor and maintenance man, John Johnson, 61, of Victoria, for 22 years, Richard Johnson, 61, died yesterday at 10:30 a.m. at his home, 1208 Fort Street. The Rev. William Alan officiated.

Born at Newmarket, Scotland, Jameson came to Canada in 1919 and directly to Victoria where he worked as a conductor and until recently had been an operator

at the British Columbia Electric Railways, Victoria, for 22 years.

Surviving him besides his widow, Mrs. Jessie Johnson, the family includes a son, John, 36, of Victoria, two daughters, Mrs. M. Allman and Mrs. G. V. Allman, both of Victoria, and three brothers and sisters.

Salvage Corps Sends Out Plea

Officials of the B.C. Salvage Corps report a difficult situation exists over the holidays. The corps has a large amount of equipment, accumulated paper and cardboard which must be disposed of throughout the province.

This results in accumulated daily returns of refuse, paper, plastic containers, and the like, which must be disposed of by the end of each day officials say.

It is requested that the public, however, "make a very bad condition in the small storage space available," and that they do not "wait for naked."

The Salvage Corps who are making up a test fire crew on Fort St. and are now looking for a place to take out a truck Tuesday or Wednesday to telephone R-813.

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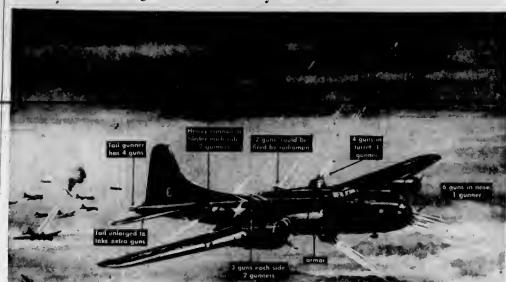
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Patrick Crofton Wounded in Italy

Cities and District

Police Alarm — The fire department responded to a false alarm at 10:30 p.m. yesterday evening at Government and Nansen Streets at 10:30 o'clock last night.

Crash — An automobile ended from Beach Lane at 14th Street and was abandoned in bushes on Hillside Drive. The driver was a passenger in an automobile which had been involved in a collision with a truck and a passenger car at Beach Lane and 14th Street.

Are Remanded — Alexander White and James A. Hoffman, naval reservists, were remanded by the city police court with a load of gasoline from East 2nd Street and held without bail on December morning.

Cars Collide — At 10:30 p.m. yesterday at 10th Street and Fort and Kinsmen, 1130 Fairview Avenue, a car and a sedan, damaged at 10 o'clock yesterday morning when they collided at Government and Nansen Streets.

Home Entered — Fred Brooks reported to police at 10:30 yesterday in the Pacific may be abiding at 10th Street and Fort and Kinsmen. Robert C. Hartshorn, Jr., commanding officer of the Canadian Forces in Victoria, told the Canadian Press today in a Christmas Eve interview that he had been informed that a house had been forced open and nothing was missing.

Holiday — Three men, Edward J. Birth, Portland, Ore., reported to police yesterday morning on his arrival in Victoria that he had been burglarized and a Hudson was not found, valued at \$1,000. He had been driving from his automobile shortly before he left the Maritime.

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In Collision — A car driven by Jack Johnson, 122 Government, and a car in control of A. H. Hart, 10th Street and Fort and Kinsmen, suffered damage at 10:30 yesterday evening. The car driven by Hart was a 1941 Buick Station Sedan and the car driven by Johnson was a 1941 Ford.

City Building — Five permits for new construction and alterations valued at \$16,000 were issued by the city planning department yesterday. The permits included a 10-unit apartment building at 10th Street and Fort and Kinsmen, a 10-unit apartment building at 10th Street and Fort and Kinsmen, a 10-unit apartment building at 10th Street and Fort and Kinsmen, a 10-unit apartment building at 10th Street and Fort and Kinsmen, and a 10-unit apartment building at 10th Street and Fort and Kinsmen.

Library Closed — It is announced that the Public Library will be closed Christmas Day.

Witty Kitty



Another Christmas

Friday, the 26th of December, and the next day, another interesting day.

Our customers have been very busy and packed this year, and this year, due to the trying circumstances, The

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MUSEUM CLOSED

The Royal Museum of Natural History will be closed on the public Christmas Day Sunday December 25th, Monday December 26th, Tuesday December 27th, Wednesday December 28th, Thursday December 29th, Friday December 30th, Saturday December 31st, and Sunday January 1st.

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Our Many Friends

Because we open our hearts through these observances, and express our joy, our faith, our love of Fellowmen at Christmas as at no other time of the year, it is a privilege we have, more beloved, than ever in the cold days of winter. And it is a time when our native inarticulateness gives way to wholehearted expression of our reverence and faith . . . because it is a part of our way of life that we shall never lose. Our institutions will remain . . . through war . . . through peace . . . a part of the freedom we're fighting for . . . a part of the Victory we shall win.



Greetings
Christmas joy and the holiday spirit of good will is filling every heart this season. We want to send the tide of greetings with our best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

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we extend to you our best
wishes for an old-fashioned
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy
New
Year

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VANCOUVER



The Christmas lights gleam
brightly in all our
bright hopes
for the happiness
of peace to come.
Merry Christmas.

EROM MANAGEMENT
AND STAFF



May the sunshine
brighten your Christ-
mas morning, and
every day thereafter.
And by next Christmas
may the world be
those you love be
won, and all those
you love be back
home.

MODEL
CLEANERS
768 FORT STREET



Christmas is here again, we wish you all
good cheer and Victory be rear-
when the world will know peace forever
more. That is our Yuletide wish to you.

THE ENGLISH PORK SHOP
721 FORT STREET



Let us put our
faith in God, and
may you glow in
every heart this
Christmas season.

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CHOCOLATE
SHOP
609 VIEW STREET



We take this opportu-
nity to extend
our thanks to all our
friends and customers
for the patronage in
1943.

May they prosper
and renew 1944.

A Merry
Xmas

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Christmas Greetings

DARREL W. SPENCE
TOGGERY SHOP
1105 DOUGLAS STREET

* We know too many
folks to whom we
want to say "Merry
Christmas" — to be
able to send each an
individual greeting card.
So we wish this little
message to speak for us.

Wishing You
the Best for a
Happy Christmas
and a
Prosperous
New Year

E. HEATH
601 View St. Phone 3-1881



To Our
Patrons

Special Greetings for the Christ-
mas season. May the spirit of
joy and goodwill be with you throughout the
new year.

MR. & MRS. HEATH
MR. & MRS. WEDDERBURN
MR. & MRS. T. C. STAFF
We wish all our dear clients
many happy returns.

E. E. HEATH
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We thank our many
customers and friends
for their past patronage
trust us we have
pleased you at all times.

Compliments
of the Seasons to
One and All

WILFRED GIBSON
770 FORT STREET

THE STORK SHOP
631 FORT ST. Opp. Times

We extend the
Greetings of the
Season to All

Especially to the young mothers
who light up the home host
and hostess with their radiant
beams, and to the young men
with a fervent prayer that next
year may bring them success and
more be waited with joyful hearts
the Christmas to come.

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we express our
wishes for a
Merry Christmas,
and thank you
for your patronage.

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